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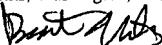
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

**CH 237277**

*please find attached English translation*

**DE 1821813: published November 17, 1960**

*(no physical application has been located at this time)*

*Discloses a nail file with a "steel blade of conventional shape". The invention involves embedding dust of diamond or other hard material in a metal coating on the surface of the file blade*



DE 1971152: published October 26, 1967

(no physical application has been located at this time)

*Describes a nail file with longitudinal grooves in the surface to prevent the finger nail slipping off the surface of the file during filing. There is no mention of the file body material and no suggestion that the abrasive is unitary with the body of the file*

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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